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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.	36104
First Inventor	Tadafumi Shimizu
Title	Fixing Device and Image..
Express Mail Label No.	EV341099626US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 22]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 10]
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(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney  
(when there is an assignee)
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure ☒ Copies of IDS  
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122  
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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Prior application information:

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.53(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 422 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing by a large entity is the patent application of:

Inventor: Tadafumi Shimizu, Shouichi Kitagawa, Masahiro Samei,  
Kazumori Matsuo, Keiichi Matsuzaki, Kenji Asakura and  
Hideki Tatematsu

For: **FIXING DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
HAVING THE SAME**

10 sheets of informal drawings are included.

An assignment of the invention to Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. is included along with a Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please record and return the assignment to the undersigned.

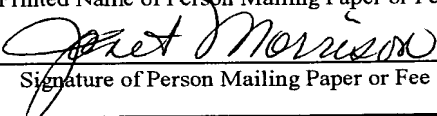
Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 on the basis of the following foreign applications:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-266723 filed September 12, 2002.

Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-182323 filed June 26, 2003.

Certified copies of these applications are enclosed.

An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

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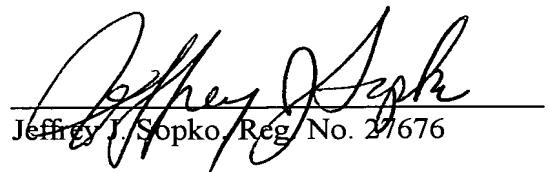
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Independent claims in excess of 3:	0	\$84.00	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims, if any, add surcharge of \$280.00			\$0.00
Non-English Specification, add surcharge of \$130.00			\$0.00
Basic Fee			\$750.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE			\$750.00
Assignment Recordal Fee of \$40.00			\$40.00
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